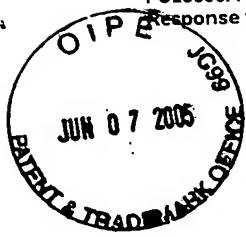


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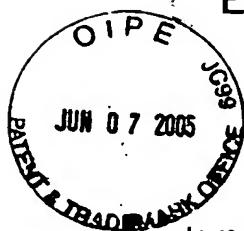
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following comments are offered in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed April 7, 2005.

#### Status of Claims

Claims 5 to 32 are currently pending in the application and claims 30 and 31 are withdrawn from consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) due to earlier restriction requirement. Claims 5, 7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Furthermore, claims 6, 8, 10, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Finally, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 11 to 29 is allowable and that claims 6, 8, 10, and 32 would be allowable if written in independent form. Each of the rejections and objections is discussed further below.

#### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 7, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the language in these claims allowing two adjacent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl groups at the R<sup>4</sup> position, together with atoms to which they are attached, to